



Organisation Name	Aston Abbotts Parish Council
Project Name	Arial Runway
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities – Health and Wellbeing
Total Cost of project	£11,828.52
Amount being applied for	£5,914.26
Amount suggested	£5,914.26

### Project Summary

The Parish Council wishes to replace the Arial Runway within our village recreation ground following a recent inspection by ROSPA which declared this equipment did not meet the current standards for health and safety. We have sought an estimate on repair or replace and have concluded that the repair cost is very high and therefore not viable, given the age of the existing runway, 15 years and the life expectancy of the equipment.

This equipment is very much valued by families and provides support for user's physical well-being. It provides an opportunity for older children in the area to increase their physical activity in a positive way, as the existing equipment in the ground is mainly targeted towards the younger age groups. For example, bucket swings and a small slide, climbing frame combination. The Runway has been out of action for some time now and villagers are keen to see it reinstated. Comments from Aston Abbotts Parishioners have been sought and residents were invited to post them to the council via the village email.

We asked if they would wish monies to be spent on this project as either option required a substantial spend. We received 14 responses. Responses were in favour of replace or repair but at least one spoke of poor design of the equipment and how this should be improved. Comments from children and young people also confirm this equipment is valued by them.

### How does the project address local priorities?

The project does link with our health and wellbeing priority, providing an activity for people who come together to use the play equipment. This will enable residents in the local area who have larger families to use the park which will offer things to do for a wider ranging age group. It will reopen a space for families and individuals to be proud of and enjoy without a high risk to health and safety following the replacement of condemned equipment. It also supports Covid-19 recovery as people begin to socialise again whilst providing an outdoor setting for interactions as the public begin to reintegrate.

### How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

The project sits well with the priorities of Buckinghamshire. Particularly the following;

- Strengthening our communities - Encouraging families with older children to use the recreation area.
- Improving our environment – Allows families to use a local space for recreation, minimising travel

- Protecting the Vulnerable – Improved health and safety
- Increasing prosperity – Providing a wider range of activity in the area

#### How does the project achieve value for money?

The proposed option is a lower cost than the option of repair of original equipment in the recreation ground.

It will provide older children in the area with an activity that is enjoyed and supports growth of families. The health and safety of the equipment will be vastly improved. The activity provided is in line with council and community board priorities relating to health & wellbeing and covid-19 recovery.

The board will be receiving 50% match funding from the parish.

#### Community Board Coordinator comments

It is recommended that members consider this project for funding noting the above comments.

**The applicant will be required to agree to terms and conditions, which include a monitoring agreement, as discussed with the Community Board Coordinator before the fund will be formally awarded.**